

Extension of Remarks
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Madam Speaker,

I rise to inform my colleagues of legislation I have introduced today to strengthen security at facilities where agricultural chemicals and fertilizers are manufactured, transported and stored.

The legislation that I have proposed, *The Agricultural Business Security Tax Credit Act*, extends tax initiatives to help defray the high costs agricultural businesses now face enhancing on-site security. I have introduced similar legislation in the past two Congresses.

Farm-use chemical production is unique in its use, distribution and security needs. Pesticides and fertilizers, while important to farmers and agricultural businesses, can also be used as agents for manufacturing illegal drugs such as methamphetamine. Some chemicals can even be used to develop explosive devises, making these sites a potential target for foreign and domestic terrorists.

I believe the incentives offered in *The Agricultural Business Security Tax Credit Act* will promote improved security at agricultural facilities that handle chemicals and fertilizers, helping them take the necessary steps to better protect U.S agriculture and the American public from potential threats and other illegal activity.

I urge my colleagues to consider supporting this bill.